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TITLE: Methods for Using Mutant RNA Polymerases with Reduced  
Discrimination between Non-Canonical and Canonical Nucleoside Triphosphates

Current Date: August 17, 2011

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PAYMENT DEFICIENCY**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.28 (c)**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Owner of above-listed U.S. Patent No. 6,596,494 respectfully requests that a payment for deficiency owed regarding the 7.5-year maintenance fee be accepted by the Office. The patent maintenance fee previously paid for this matter on January 24, 2011 was paid in good faith based on a small entity status. However, due to an oversight the 7.5-year patent maintenance fee should have been paid based upon large entity status.

The total deficiency currently owed is \$1240.00. The itemization of the deficiency payment is as follows:

Adjustment date: 09/28/2011 CKHLOK  
01/26/2011 ABANGURA 00000194 170055 6596494  
01 FC:1599 1240.00 CR

09/28/2011 CKHLOK 00000002 170055 6596494  
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Current Maint. Fee Due at 11.5 years for Large Entity: \$2480.00  
Maint. Fee Previously Paid as Small Entity: \$1240.00  
**TOTAL DEFICIENCY OWED: \$1240.00**

A request to CHANGE OF ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R.

§1.27 (g)(2) has been submitted herewith.

Owner of the above-listed patent respectfully requests the Office to accept this request to increase the 7.5 year maintenance fee to large entity based upon compliance herein with 37CFR 1.28 (c). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1240.00, the deficiency owed, and any additional fee that may be due or credit any overpayment to Representative's Deposit Account No. 50-4623.

Respectfully submitted,  
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